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021420Z MAY 75; C) USNATO 3666 DTG 091845Z JUL 75; D) STATE 164073

1. THE WG HAS NOW ISSUED THE N/30 REPORT AS A WORKING PAPER ENTITLED
"NATO FORCES IN THE NATO GUIDELINES AREA (NGA), PERIOD END 1974,"
AC/276(MBFR DATA)-WP(75)4 (REF A).

2. THE WG HAS ALSO ISSUED AN UPDATE TO ITS PAPER OF MARCH 7, 1975,
"REVISED ASSESSMENT OF MANPOWER AND MAIN BATTLE TANK STRENGTHS OF NATO

AND WP FORCES IN THE NGA - PERIOD END 1974," AC/276(MBFR DATA)-
WP(75)2 (REF B). PREVIOUS REPORT WAS ONE PAGE SUMMARY OF GROUND
AND AIR FORCE MANPOWER FIGURES. THIS UPDATE IS NOW ONLY GROUND
FORCE FIGURES WITH AIR FORCE FIGURES IN SEPARATE ANNEX A.
IT ALSO CONTAINS COMPARATIVE STRENGTH FIGURES ON NATO AND WP
MAIN BATTLE TANKS HOLDINGS AS ANNEX B.

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3. BOTH OF THE ABOVE DATA PAPERS CONTAIN FOOTNOTES POINTING OUT
THAT ACTUAL US HOLDINGS OF MAIN BATTLE TANKS ARE ABOUT 700 LESS
THAN THE "PEACETIME AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS" GIVEN IN THESE PAPERS
AND THAT THE US AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ITS

ACTUAL TANK STRENGTH (REFS C AND D).

4. COPIES OF THESE STUDIES ARE BEING POUCHED TO EUR RPM
(CHRISTIANSON).

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST COMMENTS ON THE N/30 STUDY
(AC/276 (MBFR DATA)-WP(75)4) TO BE USED IN FUTURE WG CONSIDERATION
OF THE REPORT.BRUCE

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